

# Home Run by Merkle Wins Day for Giants

## Vaughn and Perritt Engage in Pitchers' Battle at Polo Grounds.

### CHICAGO TWIRLER GIVES THREE HITS

#### Zeider Stars at Bat for Cubs, While Mann Shines in Outfield.

By GRANTLAND RICE.

Two months ago Fred Merkle, the Toledo Blade, won a nice brown automobile for himself by hitting Mr. Silver's sign (adv.) upon the left field fence. Yesterday Fred won a nice pink ball game for John McGraw by hitting one of Jim Vaughn's fast shoots twenty feet over the same sign deep into the left field stands.

By the margin of this four-base swipe, Fred Merkle beat Jim Vaughn 1 to 0 in what might be termed a "pitchers' battle," to introduce an original and distinct phrase into the comment of the day.

Merkle's blow was a wallow of a wallop; a prodigious poke; a corpulent clout; a careening smash. In short, it was considerable.

Regular Vardon Stroke.

The big punch arrived in the eighth round, with the count 0 and 6, and Vaughn in one of his heroic moods. Using the same stroke that Harry Vardon and Chick Evans employ, Fred drove the ball from a waist-high tee high in the air, but with such terrific velocity that it cleared the fence by two feet.

This blow was quite ample, with Poll Perritt in a buoyant mood. Poll was nothing like as spectacular as Vaughn, but he was something like a man up in the place to be supreme at, or in. Vaughn allowed but three hits, whereas Poll permitted seven, and six of these came at the start of an inning.

All in all, it was a quiet center for the national endeavor. The Giants had but one man on base before two were out. On the other paw, the Cubs got the first man on in seven innings, and in another instance the second man on. The Cubs therefore had eight healthy chances to score, while the Giants had but one. But in their eighth chance the Cubs, to get a run, had to obtain another hit off Poll Perritt, who had been doing his best to steer serenely from bag to bag.

Perritt allowed seven hits, and yet no two of these were clustered in a single reel. They were all scattered along the way, with a number of infield tags and lefty pop-ups intervening.

But, after all, the main factor in the Cub defense was the Toledo Blade, Merkle not only got a run, but a home run, but, in addition to these safe smashes, he struck off another in the fifth that should have been good for a triple. Playing in deep left, Mann ran far into the field, and a drive spectacular cut, killing off a drive, even longer than the wallop which cleared the fence.

Heinie Too Reckless.

It was Merkle again who saved the day in the sixth. Heinie Zim opened the inning with a hard, high bound to Herzog. Buck jumped for the stop, and, being off balance, pegged low. Merkle took the ball rolling on the stands. Heine took second and dashed for third at top speed, but Merkle's peg from the right field wall came to Herzog at the proper spot and Heinie was jammed to the earth as he slid or tumbled for the bag. But for this fine throw Zim would have been at third with no one out, ready to dash for the plate at a moment's notice.

The last out opportunity came in the fourth. Zim opened with a single, and a moment later Art Fletcher kicked a hard chase on Kelly's grounder. With two on and none out, Kelly's pop-up was a busy one, which Perritt used to force Zim at third by fast work. Workman then forced Vic Saier and Wilson fanned.

Rollie Zeider, the Yankee, had an annoying and distinct innings with clean base hits. Yet his mates left him stranded from first around to third on each occasion. Art Fletcher took up Rollie's lead by the cast by popping up with Workman on second. He wanted some one else to know about how it felt.

You can't very well blame Rollie at that. No wonder Zeider felt like that. If he hadn't jumped to the fence he would probably still be a member of the Yankees, and would probably have been in the hospital with a fractured knee or a dislocated neck.

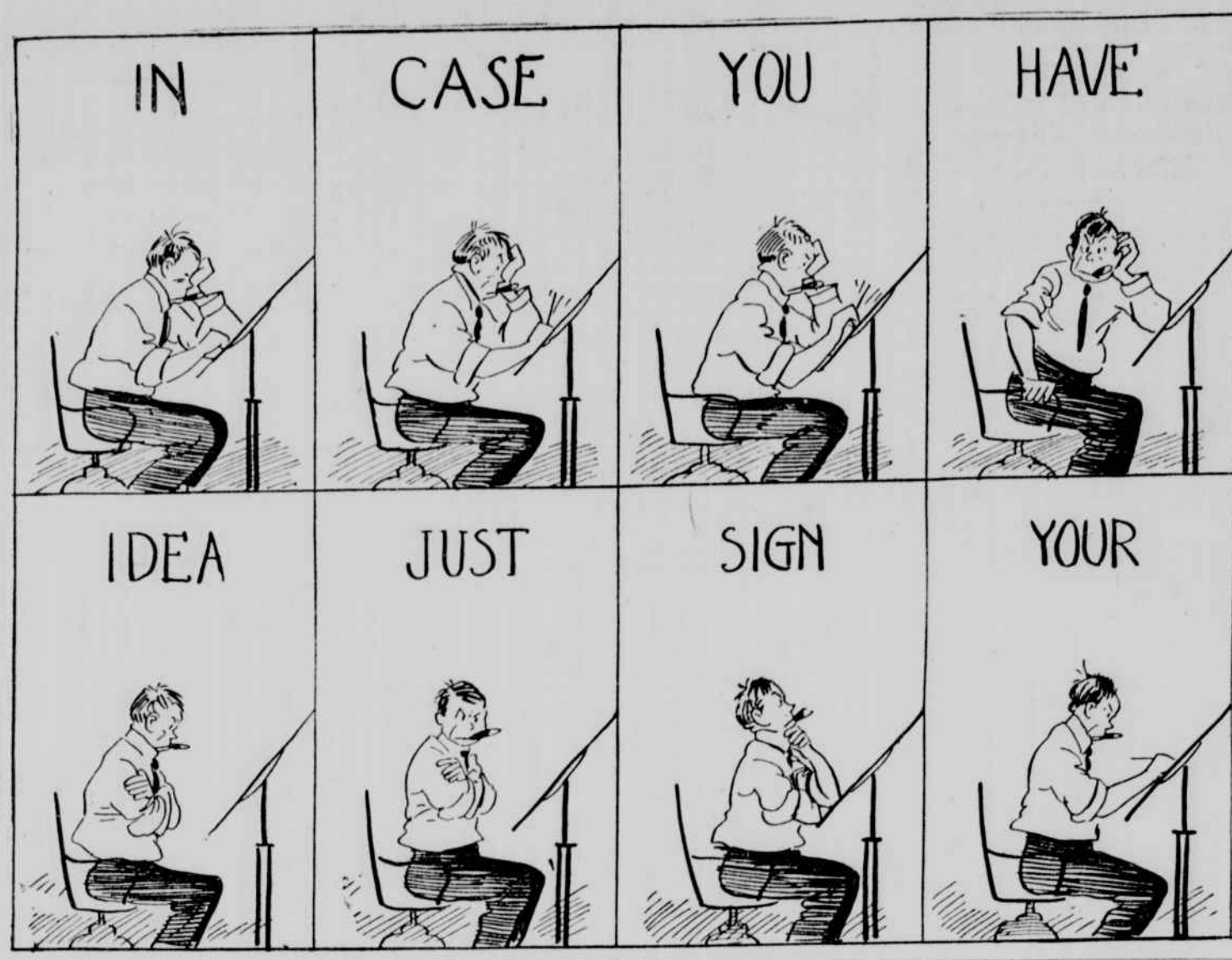
The signs are now ripe that McGraw's pitching staff has at last swung back into line. Day by day the Giants are getting first base pitching, and the big improvement in the rest of the club is also marked.

The club has won eight of its last ten games, and while Brooklyn refuses to subside, there is always a chance as long as the old machine can ramble along at an .800 clip.

Vaughn at His Best.

The test yesterday was a real one. Vaughn, now one of the star left-handers of the game, was at his best. He had everything, which, Hughie Jennings says, is all any pitcher needs. His support was keen and steady, and he was getting first base pitching, and the big improvement in the rest of the club is also marked.

# It Happens with the Best Regulated Cartoonists



## Feature Facts for the Fans

### Yankees Beaten When Al Walters Drops the Ball

#### Donovan's Men Have Now Dropped Seven Straight—Russell Performs Well.

Detroit, Aug. 3.—The New York Yankees lost to the Detroit Tigers this afternoon, registering their seventh consecutive defeat. The score was 2 to 1, and victory was won in the ninth inning, when Al Walters dropped a throw from Joe Gedeon and allowed Bob Veach to score.

Allan Russell has never pitched a better game of ball in his life, and with a break in the luck might have carried the game along into extra innings. He allowed four hits, and parried them out nicely. But he miscalculated the drop of his spit ball, and hurled it right into the flashing bat of Bobby Veach.

Veach was the first man to face the pitching in the ninth frame, and he tripled. Harper fanned, and then Veach darted for the plate. Gedeon's throw had him out, but Walters dropped the ball, and Veach was called safe, and the game was over.

The Yankees led their opponents down to the seventh inning by a margin of one run. In the fourth frame Baumann singled and worked around to third, to score on Oldring's hit for a base. That, however, was the extent of their offensive ability, and it was not enough.

The Tigers, held mystified by the curves of Russell in seventh, finally broke through for a run. Harper walked and Young singled, sending the former to third, where he scored 136 hits, including sixteen doubles, seventeen triples and eight home runs. He stole twenty-one bases. Facing the pitcher 511 times, he drew thirty-five bases on balls, and struck out fifty times.

Charles H. Ebbets is enthusiastic over securing Kelleher, who is pronounced a coming star. He is almost 5 feet 10 inches in height, and weighs 165 pounds. He has been playing baseball for three years, and is twenty-two years of age. Kelleher had a trial with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1912, but was turned back to the Springfield Club, and went to Indianapolis in 1914. Last season he was Cleveland's first run.

## INDIANS TAKE OPENER FROM ATHLETICS

Cleveland, Aug. 3.—Cleveland won the opener of the series with Philadelphia, 3 to 1, Bagby being more effective with men on bases than was Bush. Bagby also aided in his own victory by making a triple and scoring Cleveland's first run.

Lajoie's triple and McNish's sacrifice fly saved Philadelphia from a shut-out.

The score follows:

AB	R	H	E	PO	A	E
Cleveland	9	3	10	1	1	0
Philadelphia	9	1	3	0	1	0

Philadelphia, Aug. 3.—Philadelphia hit the deliveries of Dock and Watson hard today and defeated St. Louis by a score of 10 to 4.

Luders led in the attack with a home run and two singles, while Beck and Wilson also made three hits each. Bender received brilliant support, which saved several runs.

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Philadelphia	9	10	10	1	1	0
St. Louis	9	4	3	0	1	0

# STENGEL'S HOMER UPSETS EBBETS'S PENNANT PLANS

By BRIGGS

## Brooklyn Batsmen Easily Defeat Pirates—Wagner's Absence Weakens Team.

By FRANK O'NEILL.

Charles H. Ebbets is in a quandary. The world's series will begin in two months, and he will have to erect temporary stands to accommodate the crowds at Ebbets Field.

That, however, is the least of his worries. It isn't so much how to build them, but where. Every time the Square of Flatbush decides upon a suitable site, Casey Stengel steps in with his bat and forces a reconsideration. Captain Ebbets had decided to build his stands in left field yesterday when Stengel clouted a home run that rang off the left field fence.

"I won't do," said Ebbets. "That ball would have hit into the crowd and would have been good for only one base. The stands must be on the outside."

Perhaps Casey will not get a home run in the world's series. Maybe the Robins will crack and fall by the wayside, but they played real baseball against the Pittsburgh Pirates yesterday and won by a score of 7 to 2, furnishing a furious finish to do Stengel's drive was the concluding argument in an afternoon of sport in which the Brooklyn bats developed a surprising power and accuracy of swing in the closing innings. It clattered off the left field fence when Jack Daubert was on third base, and clinched a victory already assured by a rally in the seventh frame.

Hans Wagner Absent.

The Pirates were weakened to a great degree by the absence of Hans Wagner, who is riding around on an obstinate charley horse while he is nursing a badly swollen thumb. Frank Miller, the speed marvel of the Pacific coast League, was in pitcher's box, however, and for six innings he twirled in masterly style. In the seventh, however, two hits that were freaks of purest ray serene gave the Robins their opportunity to stage a comeback. The seventh and eighth were seized. There was no waste of power yesterday, as was the case with the Reds. In the eighth Erving Kantlehner replaced Miller.

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## White Sox Idle. But Take First Place In Race.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—The White Sox went into first place in the American League race today, when St. Louis defeated Boston by a score of 3 to 2 in ten innings, while a rainstorm prevented Chicago from playing Washington.

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## GEORGE CHENEY BEATS HOMMEY IN FAST GO

George Cheney, who is slated to meet Johnny Kilbane for the featherweight championship of the world, beat Packey Hommey in a fast and furious battle at the Empire A. C. last night. In the ninth round Cheney had Hommey in a bad way and hanging on at the bell. The Italian, Hommey, came back bravely in the tenth, however, and opened a cut over Cheney's left eye.

The killing was fast throughout, and in several of the rounds the men locked heads and slugged, to the delight of the closely crowded house. It was Cheney's fight all the way, as he forced the battle and showed the greater knowledge of the game.

The talk of these men being contenders for the featherweight title seems highly humorous, though. Cheney weighed 127 pounds ringside, and was very finely drawn to make that weight. Hommey loomed up as pretty close to a lightweight, scaling the beam at 131.

## Agree on Referee

Baltimore, Aug. 3.—Another step toward the proposed featherweight championship bout between Johnny Kilbane, of Cleveland, world's champion, and George Cheney, of Baltimore, was taken today, when Cheney agreed to Matt Hinkel, of Kilbane's home city, as referee.

## Minneapolis Gets Dumont.

Minneapolis, Aug. 3.—George Dumont, pitcher, obtained from the Washington American League team today.

## Baseball for Militia.

At the request of Chaplain S. Parkes Cadman of the 23d Regiment and Sergeant Fitzgerald of the 14th Regiment the Brooklyn baseball club has forwarded a box of baseballs to the boys at Pharr, Tex., and Mission, Tex., where the regiments are quartered.

## Owning the Yanks or Thrown to the Sharks

By W. O. MCGEEHAN.

### REEL 1—Frank Farrell, a precocious but penniless baseball magnate, loads the Yankees into a cart and starts to drive them to the ferry where he intends them to be shovelled into a barge and dumped somewhere outside the three-mile limit. Cap. Huston, a contented contractor, and Col. Ruppert, a blithe brewer, overtake the cart near the ferry.

"What have you got there, Frank?" ask the Cap. and the Col. in duet. "A load of junk," replies Frank. "Giddap."

"Wait," the Cap. and the Col. shout together. "We will buy it." The Cap. and the Col. draw out their checkbooks and the ink begins to flow. (Closeup view of the checks cut out by the Board of Censors.)

The Cap. and the Col. get into the cart and start it in the direction of the Polo Grounds. "Now that we have a team, all that we have to do is to win a pennant," says the blithe brewer.

"That's all," says the contented contractor. REEL 2.—Ban Johnson, a baseball magnate, calls a special meeting in order that the baseball magnates may meet the newcomers, the Cap. and the Col. The Cap. and the Col. arrive at the door of the meeting place, their faces scarred with a pair of nippers.

Over the entrance there is a sign which reads: "The magnates will not be responsible for any dough brought into the meeting place. Members who bring their rolls with them do so at their own risk."

The Col. moves toward the desk to check his valuables, but the Cap. restrains him. "Why the precaution?" he asks. "There must be honor among magnates."

"Well, I'll do my best," says the Cap. "But I'm afraid that I am too fat to climb a porch." "That's so," says the Col. critically. "But there are lots of other things you might do to elevate baseball. Have you ever swung a blackjack or had any experience with the sandbag? Well, here we are."

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Results of Games in Two Leagues And Standing of Battling Teams			
NATIONAL LEAGUE.		AMERICAN LEAGUE.	
GAMES TO-DAY.			
Chicago at New York.			
Pittsburgh at Brooklyn.			
Cincinnati at Boston.			
St. Louis at Philadelphia.			
RESULTS OF GAMES YESTERDAY.			
New York, 1; Chicago, 0.			
Brooklyn, 2; Pittsburgh, 2.			
Cincinnati, 3; Boston, 1.			
Boston, 5; Cincinnati, 1.			
Philadelphia, 10; St. Louis, 1.			
NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.			
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